

ITALY'S ENVOY
AND WILSON IN
CROSS DRIFTS

Diplomats See Possible "Indiscretion" in Avezzana's Writings.

HIS QUERIES POINTED
Refers Feelingly in New York Address to Adriatic Question.

President Wilson and the Italian Ambassador to the United States are at loggerheads. Diplomats here made this allegation yesterday.

Baron Avezzana's public address at New York, Tuesday night, inspired this belief. Speaking before the Italian-American Society, he defended Italy's claims in the Adriatic.

At bottom this defense challenges the position taken by the President in his last two notes to the supreme council. The Ambassador's address retouched tones already sounded in his article in the Independent.

Foreign circles in the Capital are asking whether he expressed his own personal views or those of the Italian government. They are also wondering if the White House will regard them as diplomatic "indiscretions."

Acting Secretary of State Polk said that he had not read Baron Avezzana's address. He also added that he had not seen the Independent article.

Asks Pointed Questions.
In the New York address the Italian Ambassador made some very suggestive and pointed remarks. The allies generally, and the White House particularly, it is felt, were the target for such questions as these:

"And who but ourselves, taught by centuries of suffering, can best judge what shall constitute our natural boundaries?"

"Who can imagine in us the desire to include, unless through absolute necessity, people of different races?"

RED BLOCKADE
A DEAD LETTERAmerican Merchants Have
Resumed Trade With
Soviet Russia.

New York merchants, regardless of the embargo existing against trade with Russia, have established a trade with Russian merchants through Russian ports that, it is predicted by officials here, will be enlarged from week to week.

It was stated yesterday in official quarters that New York merchants had not only shipped cargoes to the ports of Riga and Reval, both of which are under Russian Soviet control, but that cargoes of raw material had been taken back in exchange. There was no objection on the part of the Soviet diplomatic authorities. In fact the exchanges are fully known to the Soviets.

The only thing in the way of a general resumption of trade is not that the United States has no diplomatic relations with Russia, it was stated, but that the United States government will not officially declare the embargo off. So far as the exchanges between American merchants and the Soviet commercial societies, the embargo seems to be substantially a "dead letter." The embargo can only be lifted by the President.

ASKS OKLAHOMA
TO RATIFY SUFFRAGE

President Wilson yesterday sent to the Oklahoma legislature a message urging ratification of the suffrage amendment.

Identical telegrams were dispatched to the speaker of the house and the lieutenant governor of the State, as follows:

"May I not take the liberty of expressing my earnest hope that Oklahoma will join the other suffrage States in ratifying the Federal suffrage amendment, thus demonstrating anew its sense of justice and retaining its place as a leader of democracy."

"WOODROW WILSON."

Reds Release Americans
Officials Here Are Told

Two of five members of the American Red Cross Commission to Siberia captured by the Bolsheviks have been released, a cablegram from Vladivostok to the Red Cross national headquarters here, announced yesterday. The men are Dr. Frederick L. Barnum, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Edward H. Charette, of Stockton, California. The cablegram indicated the other captured men are safe and that the news of their release is delayed by disorganization of the central Siberian telegraph system.

"Glad to Meet You," Says Major
To McDonough, as Movie Guns
Put End to 'Iron River Rebellion'

Iron River, Mich., Feb. 25.—Nothing more desperate than a battery of "movie" cameras was faced by Maj. A. V. Dalrymple and his prohibition enforcement squad at Iron River. The major and his myrmidons left for Chicago tonight after encountering no open resistance, although he and County Attorney McDonough crossed verbal swords with some enthusiasm.

The warrant which had been issued for the arrest of Maj. Dalrymple was not served, and the major failed to carry out his threat to arrest the county attorney for interfering with Federal officers who had previously conducted a raid. The "whisky rebellion" is regarded as dead, although searching investigation has been promised by Washington.

DRAFT DODGERS
IN DISTRICT
TOTAL 1147Six Hundred and Forty-two
Also Reported as Deserters
During War.

Six hundred and forty-two District of Columbia men deserted during the world war, while 1,147 sought to evade the draft, and have been classified as delinquents, it was stated last night.

These figures were compiled by the Provost Marshal General's Office and have been forwarded to the War Department, where the names of 173,000 who failed to answer their country's call when drafted are being held, and in a few days will be made public through the newspapers.

Lieut. Col. C. C. Early, of the Adjutant General's Office, is at work on the report. He said last night that the department hoped to reduce the figures by process of elimination, there being several reasons why some did not enter the army through the draft.

It is known that a number of drafted men died between the time they were notified they were drafted and the time when they were supposed to have reported to the various draft boards.

Police to Conduct Campaign.
Following the issuance of the official list, the Department of Justice and the police will conduct a campaign for rounding up deserters. Through the publication of the names, the government hopes to inform the reported deserter and all who know him that he has been charged with desertion. If the person is innocent, he will be given an opportunity to clear himself of the charge.

Although the established punishment for desertion is death, it is unlikely that this sentence will be imposed on all whose names appear on the deserters' list and are found guilty of the charge.

District Courts to Act.
Col. Early said that a comparatively small number of these men will be tried by courts-martial, the majority of the cases being handled by district judicial authorities. The government, he said, is expected to be lenient in all but clear-cut cases of desertion, when a penitentiary sentence of probably five years will be given.

"I was surprised when I found that the total of the country's deserters was but 173,000," said Col. Early. "This number, compared with the huge army the nation assembled for the war, and the many who were unable to read or speak English, is very small, I believe. It shows well when placed against records of desertions in previous wars of the United States."

Organizations of service men have approved the action of the government in bringing the evaders to justice.

Enforce Laws Better in Washington
Than in Any Other City in America,
Blanton, Lauding Pullman, Declares

Due to efforts of Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, late superintendent of police, laws are enforced in Washington better than in any city in the country, Representative Blanton, of Texas, declared yesterday.

He made this statement in reply to a charge by Representative Igoe, of Missouri, that prohibition laws are not being enforced in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

Igoe's charge was made after the defeat of his amendment to the legislative appropriation bill, calling for the repeal of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act and eliminating from the appropriation bill the sum of \$4,500,000 for enforcing the act.

"I have only seen one drunken person in Washington since the prohibition amendment went into effect," said Blanton. "We must give credit for this to our splendid chief of police, whose memory we all respect and honor. It was due to his efforts alone that the Sheppard law was enforced so strictly."

"When my time comes to die I hope I may, like him, look into my Maker's eyes and say, 'I have done what I could in behalf of my country and in the performance of my duty.'"

Eight barrels of wine, which had been seized by L. J. Groves, the local federal prohibition enforcement officer, and which had been recovered by McDonough, were poured into the streets by Major Dalrymple and his aids. There was no demonstration. It was the seizure of this wine that started the "rebellion." The district attorney charged the Federal office had seized it without due process of law.

The meeting between Major Dalrymple and State's Attorney McDonough amounted to nothing more than an exchange of sarcasm. Maj. Dalrymple went to the office of the State's Attorney in the morning to explain the purpose of the federal agents in coming to Iron River, but McDonough was not there. In the afternoon McDonough decided to visit the Major at Iron River, where he was stopping. Someone told Major Dalrymple that McDonough was looking for him, and accompanied by four aids he came out of the dining room. Mr. McDonough walked over to Major Dalrymple.

Attorney Issues Warning.
"My name is McDonough," he said. Maj. Dalrymple looked at him undecidedly for a moment and said: "I'm glad to meet you."

"I have come here, Mr. Dalrymple," said the State's Attorney, "to issue a warning to you. I want you to heed it. What I want to tell you is this, that if you or my men attempt to arrest me or my aids without due process of law I will arrest you and your men and lock you up. Furthermore, if you or your men attempt to enter the private homes of citizens here without due process of law we will likewise arrest you at once. My purpose is to put you where you belong, Mr. Dalrymple."

"Now, Mr. McDonough, this seems entirely unnecessary," said the major. "I have come here for the purpose of enforcing the law. It is

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SPECIAL RULING
ON BONUS BILLSAdoption of Mondell's Resolution
Would Avert Republican Caucus.

The House Rules Committee yesterday agreed to report out a special rule for consideration today of Republican Leader Mondell's resolution to concentrate all bills relating to former service men in the Ways and Means Committee. The rule and the resolution are expected to be adopted today.

Such action meets the demand of the Republican "insurgents," who have demanded more expeditious action on bonus bills and other soldiers' beneficial legislation and their threat to force a party caucus on the subject will not be carried out.

Democrats on the Rules Committee urged that a special committee be named to consider the soldiers' bills.

Establish Branch Bank
On Trans-Atlantic Ship

London, Feb. 25.—The former German liner Imperator, now flying the British flag, is on the way to New York, having the first "sea bank" on board. It is a branch of the London City and Midland Bank, with offices both in the first and second-class cabins. Business consists mainly of foreign exchange transactions.

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SERB REGENT HURT
BY ASSASSIN, REPORT

Rome, Feb. 25.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Trieste today said that an attempt to assassinate Prince Alexander, the Serbian regent, had failed. The Serbian regent, Prince Alexander and Premier Protitch were wounded, the dispatch said.

Prince Alexander became regent of Serbia and head of the new Yugoslav nation after it was set up by the peace conference. Recent dispatches have reported considerable trouble in Belgrade, resulting in the fall of the cabinet of Premier Davidovitch early this month.

Liquor for Tourists
Is Held Up at Port

Paris, Feb. 25.—Twenty-one thousand kegs of American whiskey, imported by a group of Americans for consumption by thirsty American tourists, have been confiscated at Havre on the ground of illegal importation.

A license for the importation had been granted by the former Chamber of Deputies, but one of the first acts of the new chamber was to revoke it. Although no efforts are being spared to save this, the only cargo of American whiskey in France since the war, it is not expected that clearance permission will be obtained by the importers in time for the rush of tourists.

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In naming Bainbridge Colby for Secretary of State to succeed Robert Lansing, President Wilson gave Washington an even greater surprise than when he designated John Barton Payne, of Illinois, to succeed Franklin K. Lane as Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Colby's name had not even been mentioned among the probabilities. The first hint of his appointment came only a few minutes before the formal announcement by Secretary Tumulty.

It was Mr. Colby's appearance at the White House for a conference with the President. It was at the conclusion of this conference that the appointment was announced by Secretary Tumulty.

Anticipate No Refusal.
It is not expected that the Senate will refuse to confirm Mr. Colby's nomination, although considerable discussion of it is looked for. When Mr. Colby was nominated in 1917 for membership on the Shipping Board his confirmation was fought. It was only after a long discussion that the Senate Commerce Committee voted by a majority of one to report the nomination favorably.

There is not likely to be any serious objection to Mr. Colby from the standpoint of ability or character. Any objection that is made probably will be political.

Because of his political independence, old-line politicians of both parties were not aroused to any great enthusiasm by the previous appointment of Mr. Colby. But while he served in Washington as a member of the Shipping Board, Mr. Colby's ability and charm of personality brought him the respect and good will of many members of Congress.

Would Alienate "Bull Moose."
Republican leaders' interpretation of the selection of Mr. Colby is that President Wilson is endeavoring to alienate some of the "Bull Moose" strength from the Republican party.

Mr. Colby is very strong with that element, and if the Republicans should nominate a "stand pat" candidate for President, Mr. Colby, it is feared, might be able to induce many of the followers of Roosevelt to support the Democratic candidate.

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MAY LAST TWO WEEKS
Democrats Confer on Measures in Case of Final Rejection.

The peace treaty comes before the Senate this morning and will remain there to the exclusion of other business until it is finally disposed of, according to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who said he would permit interruptions only in case of conference reports on bills coming before the Senate.

Opinions vary as to the time that will be necessary to dispose of the treaty. Some Senators, especially the Republicans, think that definite action for acceptance or rejection will come within a week. The Democrats are not so optimistic, and some predict two weeks of debate on the pact.

Yesterday a number of conferences were held among Democratic Senators on the subject. If in spite of all efforts the treaty fails again of ratification it is expected that an attempt will be made to pass a resolution similar to that of Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, establishing peace between the United States and Germany regardless of the treaty.

Hitchcock Vetoes Caucus.
Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Democratic leader, yesterday vetoed the proposal for a party caucus made by some Democratic Senators who want to end delay by accepting the Lodge reservations as they stand. Senator Hitchcock said that after conference he decided that a caucus was inadvisable.

Neither Republicans nor Democrats believed last night that a ratification, it was conceded on the final roll call. The only chance of ratification, it was conceded on all sides, is in enough Democrats swinging over to the Lodge reservations to create a two-thirds

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Springfield, Ill., Feb. 25.—"Happy as a lark" was the only comment Nora Bayes, star of "Ladies First," would make today when asked about her marriage to Arthur Gordini, who is playing in her show.

Nora Bayes has now been married four times. Her other three husbands were C. A. Gessing, Jack Norworth and Harry Clarke.

Irish "Home Rule" Bill Up Again.

London, Feb. 25.—Sir Ian Macpherson, chief Secretary for Ireland, today introduced into the house of commons Premier Lloyd George's bill for home rule in Ireland.

Ask Epileptic Home.
General discussion of legislation the club should forward ensued. The establishment of a home for epileptics by Congress was urged, with the desirability of enactment of a voluntary commitment provision for admission to insane asylums. Comment was also freely made of the "dilettante" work being done by the committee of District women appointed by the Department of Justice authorities to aid in the H. C. L. fight.

Judge Jean Norris, of New York, will speak at the club on March 18. Judge Norris is the only woman on the magistrate's bench in New York City.

World's Position
"Terribly Serious,"
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New York, Feb. 25.—"Just nine months ago I attempted to diagnose the European situation in this club and was called a pessimist," said Frank A. Vanderlip tonight at the dinner of the Economic Club.

"I have continued to press that diagnosis in the intervening months. I have found no occasion to change its terms. In the period since the armistice national leadership has failed. If we had understood the full import of this world crisis we should have demanded from the administration intelligent information and authoritative leadership. We are today beginning to understand the facts of the world's economic position. These facts are terribly serious, but I am not pessimistic about the facts. The only thing I am pessimistic about is governmental and national blindness to these facts."

"Europe is a very sick Europe. The crisis in the illness will come in the months just preceding the next harvest. We are too late to effect much in the way of remedy before the crisis comes. No one can authoritatively predict how it will turn. There is one remedy that we should immediately apply and that is an appropriation of \$150,000,000 to help relieve actual starvation. It would be only a palliative, but it might change the course of the spring crisis and the future of European civilization."

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State Department information, made public last night, regarding the new coalition ministry of Jugoslavia, formed by Stojan Protitch, leader of the radical party, gives the following personnel: President of the cabinet and minister for the constituent assembly, Stojan Protitch; minister of foreign affairs, Trumbitch; foreign affairs and interior, Spalakovitch; war and marine, Gen. Branko Jovanovitch; the interior, Trifkovich; finance, Veljag Jankovitch; justice, Nintchitch; commerce and industry, Rabaratz; post and telegraph, Drinkovitch; forests and mines, Kovatchevitch; public works, Yotza Jovanovitch; agriculture and waters, Rokkar; agrarian reform, Krnitch; ravitaillement and national reconstruction, Stanichitch; public instruction, Trifounovitch; public health, Militchitch; social politics, Chasmin; religion, Fran Jankovitch.

400 Machinists Join
In Baltimore Strike

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 25.—Four hundred machinists, in sympathy with 1,100 striking carpenters, joiners and pipefitters, walked out at the plant of the Baltimore Dry Docks and Shipbuilding Company today, halting work at both yards of the company.

Four 10,300-ton tankers, being built for the Shipping Board, and three other vessels are affected by the strike. Holden A. Evans, president of the Dry Docks Company, was out of the city today.

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